

381 East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Hanaford School Cafeteria

200 Middle Road

East Greenwich, RI 02818

ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE

7:00p.m. Regular Session

I. Pledge of Allegiance

The regular session was held at 8:10p.m. in the Hanaford School Cafeteria.

Members present: JeanAnn Guliano, Chair, Anne Palumbo, Vice-Chair, MaryEllen Winters, Robert Durant, Susan Records, Paul Martin, and Deidre Gifford, as well as Superintendent Dr. Victor Mercurio, Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford, Director of Special Services, Paula Dillon, and Director of Facilities, Robert Wilmarth. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. Public Comments-There were no public comments.

III. Recognitions-There were no recognitions

IV. Superintendent's Report-Dr. Mercurio is still waiting for the draft schedule for the schools for the H1N1 vaccines.

V. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve the minutes of the October 6, Regular and Executive Sessions. The motion passed with Mr. Martin abstaining.

VI. Action Items

a. Resignation

1. Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Durant to approve the resignation of Jo-Ann Mallozzi, Advisor of Model Legislature at East Greenwich High. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Second Reading and Vote Building Facilities Use Policy Revision-Mrs. Gifford

stated that she went through the changes to the policy. She would like this tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Jack Sommer asked about the price differential between non-resident and resident fees. He feels we should grandfather in the fees for the current year for resident groups as they have already set their budgets, and have a weekday rate versus a weekend rate. Mr. Sommer also feels that the schools are not a business but they shouldn't be losing money for use of the gym.

c. Potential Paraprofessional Recall-Mrs. Dillon stated that if a student comes back into the district from Early Intervention, a paraprofessional may be needed. We are not ready to make a recommendation at this time.

VII. Discussion Items

a. Building Committee Report

Jonathan Winikur, from SBS, stated that the middle and high school projects

went out to bid. The Meadowbrook School floor problems are undergoing analysis and monitoring and need more study. The high

school bidding is on-going and bids are due back on October 27th but they may be extended. The middle school bids were received. The budget was \$30 million and Gilbane was the low bidder at \$22,750,000. Their start date is November 16th. The Building Committee will make a recommendation to the School Committee. There will be a joint Town Council and School Committee meeting on November 3rd. Henry Boezi stated that Gilbane is one of the top five companies in the country. Mr. Winikur stated that excess furniture from Phase I of the middle school and high school projects need to be disposed of. Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Durant to dispose of the excess furniture.

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The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Winikur spoke about a Rhode Island Economic Development Grant for the solar panels. RIEDC is offering matching funds of \$58,000 but Mr. Winikur will try to get that figure higher. Mrs. Winters asked if SMMA has spoken about green projects. Mr. Winikur stated that 30% for the green school was achieved, which is very good.

Dr. Mercurio spoke about flexible space at Cole for physical education. For

the second quarter which begins on November 2nd, the proposal is to move students back and forth from Cole to the high school. They will be kept separate from high school students. The cost is between \$6,000 and \$20,000. No action is needed at this time and Mrs. Meyer sent out a letter to parents on the plan. Dr. Mercurio thanked Mrs.

Davis, Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Nota for all their work.

b. Fields Project Update

Mrs. Guliano read a statement about the current condition of the fields. She

noted there is no play on the field now. We are looking into the baseball field issues.

c. Fields Project Change Orders

The Fields Construction Committee recommended approval to move ahead

with four items: they are: item #21, flow test in the amount of \$1650.22; item #23, additional paving in the amount of \$4,914.28; item #24, additional swale in the amount of \$4,088.16 and item #25 for \$19,600, for a total of \$30,252.66. Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Records to approve these change orders. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Student Activity Accounts Update-this item was tabled.

e. Subcommittee Reports

1. Policy Subcommittee Report: Current policy revision items. Mrs. Gifford

stated that they will undertake a process of updates on the Rhode Island Association of School Committee policies.

2. Finance Subcommittee Report: FY 2010 budget review process

Dr. Mercurio stated that the budget owners and the Finance Subcommittee met to gather information on what was done last year and what to do this year.

The uniform chart of accounts is set to begin on November 6th.

f. Technology update

Dr. Mercurio stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th. He noted that the language lab electricity problem seems to be rectified.

g. First Class timetable

It is going live the end of November. The technology committee will receive a report at their meeting on the 28th. This program has the ability to create websites.

h. CPT Consultant Update

There were questions on what the School Committee wants going forward. Mrs. Gifford said the proposal doesn't seem to be what they talked about and is a stop gap measure. She feels that we won't have a plan for the future when we are done with this proposal. She also stated that the community wasn't happy with CPT, it wasn't a fit. Mrs. Dillon will go back to the consultant and tell her what we want for additions.

VIII School Committee Concerns

Everyone is happy to have Mr. Martin back.

Mrs. Guliano spoke about the Saturday meeting with six school committee chairs from South County. Mr. Gary Sasse from RIPEC came by to talk about the budget. He wants school committees to work together collaboratively. They are seriously looking at cost sharing. In the future, the meetings will include Kent County as well as South County. The meetings will be informal for now. They will talk about purchasing next.

IX. On a motion made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo,

the Committee

voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:00pm.